CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 50050

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OFLC ref: 1900336.015

Medium: Image File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 28 August 2019

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 28 August 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image depicts sexual activity between a child and an adult male. There is no alternate reading other than it is intended for the sexual arousal of person with a sexual predilection towards children. It creates and encourages the notion that children are sexually available and legitimate subjects for adult sexual arousal. It is a record of sexual abuse. The objectionable classification limits the right to freedom of expression provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but is consistent with parliament's intention that publications promoting and the supporting the sexual exploitation of children be banned. It also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children from exploitation and harm.